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SUBJECT: KUWAITI CONCERN OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON

1. IN AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION AT MY RESIDENCE FEB. 14, ONE
OF THE SUBJECTS ON WHICH FONMIN SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD AL-JABER
COMMENTED WAS THE RECENT DISTURBING
DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON INVOLVING CLASHES BETWEEN THE
PALESTINIANS AND THE SYRIAN-DOMINATED ARAB DETERRENT
FORCE. THE FONMIN INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED
TELEGRAMS INFORMING HIM OF FIERCE FIGHTING HAVING TAKEN
PLACE DURING THE PREVIOUS NIGHT. HE REVEALED
HIS ANXIETY THAT THIS CLASH MIGHT DEVELOP INTO A FULL-BLOWN
CONFLICT BETWEEN THE SYRIANS AND THE PALESTINIANS. HE
SAID THAT HE HAD SENT A LETTER TO DAMASCUS ASKING THE
SYRIAN GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN THIS
SITUATION. SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD ADMITTED THAT THE
SYRIANS HAD A DIFFICULT ROLE TO PLAY IN DEALING WITH THE
PALESTINIANS WHOSE SITUATION WAS EVEN MORE COMPLICATED BY
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THE DIVISION AMONG THEMSELVES.

2. I REFERRED TO RECENT REPORTS IN THE KUWAITI PRESS
SUGGESTING THE EARLY TERMINATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE
COMMISSION WHICH WAS SUPERVISING THE AGREEMENTS REACHED
IN LEBANON FOLLOWING THE END OF THE CONFLICT. SABAH AL-
AHMAD STATED THAT THESE WERE ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. THE

QUADRIPARTITE COMMISSION HAD COMPLETED ITS BASIC TASK
OF WORKING OUT THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES
AND ITS ROLE SHOULD PROBABLY COME TO AN END.
HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT BE
DISBANDED UNDER THE PRESENT UNCERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. WHEN I QUERIED HIM ON THE SUBJECT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO LEBANON, SABAH AL-AHMAD SAID THAT KUWAIT WAS READY TO
DO ITS PART IN PROVIDING FUNDS FOR LEBANON'S RECONSTRUCTION.
HE EXPECTED THAT THESE CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE CHANNELLED
INTO AN ARAB FUND RATHER THAN PROVIDED BILATERALLY.
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